



Getting Ready for Fall Fun

The days are getting a bit shorter and the nights are starting to cool off as the monsoon storms wind down. Fall marks the beginning of new classes and programs as seasonal residents begin to trickle back in to Quail Creek. Fall this year also means time for a change in club leadership, so please read the newsletter for important updates from your board. It's going to be a fun and busy time of year so keep an eye on your e-mail for more information, and if you miss something, just check www.qcfapc.wordpress.com for the club calendar, previous newsletters and more. Got an idea you'd like to see here? Contact newsletter editor Lee Asbell at lee.asbell@gmail.com.

Hot Topics and FAQ.

Q: The catalog on the web site is out of date. When is a new one coming out?

A. Members should expect a new catalog, jam-packed with great classes for Fall and Winter, to be completed in the next few weeks. We're a bit behind schedule and ask for your patience while the finishing touches and fairy dust are added.

Q: Is the Artist of the Month Program still going? How do I get in?

A. If you are interested being the Artist of the Month please contact Dusty Friedman at QCFAPCpresident@gmail.com. Artist of the Month is definitely here to stay and all members are eligible. Artist of the Month receives a spot to display work in our gallery windows and a write-up in the newsletter. It's a great way to get exposure for your work.

Fall Festival

Not ready to sell your artwork? Don't know what price to ask? We'll teach you what you need to be ready for the annual Fall Festival. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in one of southern Arizona's most popular arts and crafts shows. A large display will fill the clubhouse as well as the CATC Building. The club will host a display in the studio, open to all members. The dates are November 5th and 6th. See the article on Page 3 for more details on the September Meeting where you can learn how to get your art ready to sell.



August member meeting

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Plein Air Painting is Back in October

Now that the heat of summer has nearly passed, its time to start thinking about painting outdoors again.

The club will sponsor a plein air paintout on Tuesday 10/25 at historic Empire Ranch located on the other side of the Santa Rita Mountains. This is approximately a one-hour drive and carpools will be arranged for an early morning departure.

Members who wish to paint all day should pack a lunch or you can paint and then dine at the Steak Out Restaurant in Sonoita.

Please contact Debbie O'Rourke to RSVP at dorourke12@mac.com. Debbie is coordinating the carpools and lunch reservations. There is no cost for the paintout, other than lunch.

Plein air painting (or drawing or photography) is something artists of all levels can enjoy and learn from. No prior experience is required. Members are expected to bring all of their own supplies. Restrooms and a water fountain are available. There are no chairs or tables.

Come and enjoy the Old West history, scenic vistas and haunting beauty of Empire Ranch in the company of fellow artists.



Detail from "Empire Ranch" by Debbie O'Rourke

New Class for Advanced Oil Painters

The mission of the QFAPC is to provide creative opportunities for fine artists in Quail Creek. Most of the club's programs are aimed at artists who are at the beginner or intermediate level. The club is pleased to announce a new class designed for those oil painters who have moved beyond the basics. Artist and teacher Debbie O'Rourke will offer a class this fall with a very limited class size to ensure personal instruction tailored to the needs of each student. A big component of this class is working with photo editing software such as Photoshop Elements. Students must be able to edit and print their own photos. A wide variety of new techniques will be explored in a positive, creative environment.

The class will meet the first three Fridays of each month from 9:00AM-12:00PM beginning October 7th and runs for ten weeks.

Cost will be \$20 per class.

Contact Debbie at dourourke12@mac.com for more details.

Plein Air Volunteers Needed

Painting or drawing in the great outdoors is one of the most popular activities offered by the painting club. In the past the Plein Air Group has visited numerous locations throughout southern Arizona. These plein air events require a coordinator. Rather than ask one person to do all the work for the entire year, this time we're looking for volunteers to be responsible for a single plein air event. Most of these events would require about one hour of your time to organize. Locations being considered for this year include Tubac, Patagonia Lake, Texas Canyon, White Stallion Ranch, Quail Creek Sales Center, Whipple Observatory Visitor Center, Degrazia Gallery in the Sun, Downtown Tucson barrio neighborhood, Sabino Canyon, Tohono Chul Park, Agua Caliente Park, and Gates Pass. Other locations can be added.

Please consider helping out your fellow painters by organizing a plein air paintout. For more information please contact Debbie O'Rourke at dorourke12@mac.com.

September Member Meeting

Mark your calendars for Friday, 9/23 at 9:00AM in the studio for an important member meeting. The annual Fall Festival is just around the corner. Come and learn from Debbie O'Rourke's informative presentation on how to get your artwork prepared, priced and ready for sale. The club will have a beautiful display of member work for sale during Fall Festival. Don't miss out. Coffee and tea will be served.

Happy Birthday to the QCFAPC

In August the club celebrated its second birthday. Cake and fun at the member meeting marked the occasion. Thanks to all those who make this club happen.



Acting President Dusty Friedman and a detail from one of her watercolor paintings.

Election Updates:

The board is pleased to announce that member Dusty Friedman has been appointed as acting president of the club. Dusty will work with past president Steve Piepmeier and the current board until elections are held later this fall. Assuming Dusty is confirmed by the membership, she will serve a two-year term as President that begins in January, 2017. Dusty was appointed as president now in order to facilitate a smooth transition for the incoming board, all of whom will be new to their positions. This will ensure no disruptions for members during the peak Winter/Spring season.

Over the next several weeks Dusty will be contacting those members who have already expressed an interest in serving on the new board. If you're interested and have not spoken up already, please send an email to QCFAPCpresident@gmail.com right away. Elections are required by the club bylaws to be completed by November. More details on the voting process will be available in the October newsletter.

For those of you who have not met Dusty, she's from Oregon and has owned a home in Quail Creek for ten years. She has an extensive business background and enjoyed a long career in management. If she's not working on watercolors, you will see her down at the pickleball courts, riding her bike, or getting ready to pack up her painting kit and travel to far-flung places. Her goals for the QCFAPC include more socialization and more courses for all levels of painters.

Member Gallery—Do You Have Your Free Listing on our Website?

One of the benefits of being a member is a FREE listing on the club's website, under the Member Gallery menu. Go to www.qcfapc.wordpress.com and see what other members have done. Interested? Send your info and images to our webmaster, Jim Hall, jameshall12@gmail.com and he will add you to the gallery.

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